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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION OF THIRD NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(TNDP) PUT OFF TO JANUARY 1978

1. ZAMBIA MINISTER OF PLANNING, PETER MATOKA, ANNOUNCED
IN LUSAKA SEPTEMBER 1 THAT THE LAUNCHING OF ZAMBIA TNDP
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 1, 1977 HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL
JANUARY 1, 1978.

2. MINISTER OF PLANNING CITED THE NEED TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF
THE DEBATE ON EDUCATIONS REFORM AND TO COMPLETE AS MANY OF
SECOND DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECTS AS POSSIBLE, AS REASONS
FOR POSTPONEMENT. INDICATING THERE WERE ALSO OTHER REASONS

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FOR THE POSTPONEMENT, THE MINISTER DID NOT ELABORATE ON

THESE.

3. THE MINISTER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT ANY PLAN THE RIGHT PEOPLE MUST BE PLACED IN THE RIGHT POSITIONS. POMPOSITY, DUPLICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND MISPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY RIFE IN THE COUNTRY, MUST COME TO AN END.

4. COMMENT: MINISTER'S CRITICISM OF PLANNERS REPRESENTS UNUSUALLY FRANK, SELF-CRITICISM. ANOTHER FACTOR IN DECISION TO POSTPONE INAUGURATION OF TNDP IS PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S DESIRE TO AVOID PROVIDING ANOTHER CONTENTIOUS ISSUE JUST BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20-25 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNIP NATIONAL COUNCIL, THE PARTY'S POLICY FORMULATING BODY. KAUNDA WANTS TO AVOID ANY ADDITION TO RANKS OF THOSE OF CONSERVATIVE LEANINGS, ALREADY DISAFFECTED BY 1975 NATIONALIZATION OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND PROPOSED EDUCATIIONAL REFORMS.
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